

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of producing human chondrocytes ~~characterized by comprising, wherein said method comprises:~~

~~co-culturing chondrocytes obtained from a cartilage having perichondrium together with the perichondrium, wherein said chondrocytes are obtained from a cartilage having said perichondrium, and wherein no exogenous feeder cells are present in the culture.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~production method as claimed in~~ according to claim 1 ~~characterized in that, wherein~~ the cartilage is auricular cartilage.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~production method as claimed in~~ according to claim 1 ~~characterized by, further comprising monolayer or multilayer;~~
~~seeding the cultured cells chondrocytes in a monolayer or multilayer at least once or more; and~~
~~culturing the chondrocytes to give until~~ a chondrocyte mass forms.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~production method as claimed in~~ according to claim 2 ~~characterized by, further comprising;~~
~~monolayer or multilayer seeding the cultured cells chondrocytes in a monolayer or multilayer at~~
~~least once or more; and~~
~~culturing the chondrocytes to give until~~ a chondrocyte mass forms.

5-6. (Cancelled)